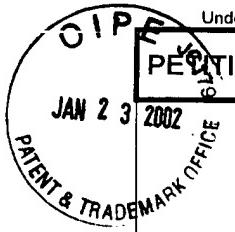


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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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In re Application of Schmeichel et al.

Application Number 09/930,680

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For TONNEAU COVER END PLATE SECURING MECHANISM HAVING  
A RADIAL ENGAGING SURFACEGroup Art Unit  
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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
(check time period desired):

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: **\$55.00**  
 A check including the fee is enclosed.  
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 assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  
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